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SUMMARY: SULTAN OF BRUNEI'S HARI RAYA SPEECH (NOT PUBLICIZED HERE) DEFENDED BRUNEI'S TREATY RELATIONSHIP WITH BRITAIN AND MADE THINLY VEILED ATTACK ON MALAYSIAN INTERFERENCE IN BRUNEI INTERNAL AFFAIRS. END SUMMARY

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SULTAN OF BRUNEI'S HARI RAYA SPEECH (NON-SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS OMITTED):

BEGIN TEXT: ON THIS JOYFUL DAY, I WISH TO STATE THAT A NUMBER OF THE PROJECTS IN THE NEW NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN SUCH AS COLOURED TELEVISION SERVICE, WATER AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO KAMPONGS, CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND SCHOOLS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT PROGRESSIVELY. IT IS INDEED INTENDED THAT MY SUBJECTS FROM EVERY WALK OF LIFE WILL TAKE THEIR
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THE ECONOMY OF THE PEOPLE AND THE STATE OF BRUNEI. I ALSO WISH TO REMIND ALL MY BELOVED PEOPLE TO BE ALWAYS VIGILANT SO AS TO STRENGTHEN THE SECURITY OF THIS COUNTRY. AS HAPPENED IN THE PAST YEARS THE SOUNDNESS OF OUR SECURITY IS ALSO THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY BELOVED PEOPLE AND IT IS INDEED HOPED THAT THE COOPERATION GIVEN WILL CONTINUE WHICH IS IMPORTANT TO THE SECURITY OF THE BRUNEI DARUS SALAM. WITH DETERMINATION ON THE PART OF MY PEOPLE AND MY GOVERNMENT, AND WITH GOD'S WILL, BRUNEI DARUS SALAM WILL ACHIEVE GREAT SUCCESS IN THE VARIOUS FIELDS OF DEVELOPMENTS.

I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EMPHASIZE AS A REMINDER TO ALL MY PEOPLE AND RESIDENTS IN THE STATE OF BRUNEI THAT OUR COUNTRY, THE STATE OF BRUNEI DARUS SALAM IS A COUNTRY WHICH ENJOYS FULL SELF-GOVERNMENT, BUT HAVING A TREATY RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR FRIEND THE UNITED KINGDOM WHEREBY HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT HAS RESPONSIBILITY ONLY IN THE FIELD OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND HAS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY IN THE FIELD OF DEFENCE. IN SHORT, MY GOVERNMENT HAS FULL POWERS IN ALL FIELDS OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS IN THE STATE OF BRUNEI AND NO ONE HAS ANY RIGHT TO INTERFERE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE STATE OF BRUNEI. OTHER COUNTRIES WHETHER THEY ARE NEIGHBORS OF BRUNEI OR NOT, HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO RIGHT WHATEVER TO INTERFERE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE STATE OF BRUNEI. IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THIS POSITION WHICH SHOULD BE DEFENDED BY ALL MY PEOPLE AND RESIDENTS WHO LOVE THE PEACE AND PROSPERITY OF THE STATE OF BRUNEI DARUS SALAM, BECAUSE THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THERE ARE AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS COUNTRIES WHICH ARE ENVIOUS OF THE PROSPERITY AND TRANQUILITY WHICH ARE BESTOWED BY ALLAH THE ALMIGHTY UPON US ALL IN THE STATE OF BRUNEI AND THEIR ENVIOUSNESS HAS PROMPTED THEM TO GIVE SHELTER TO PEOPLE WHO ARE TREACHEROUS TO THE STATE OF BRUNEI AND TO INCITE THEM TO CONTINUE THEIR EVIL ACTIONS TOWARD THE PEACE AND ORDER OF THE STATE OF BRUNEI. BY GOD'S WILL, MY GOVERNMENT WILL DO ITS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

UTMOST TO FIGHT TREACHEROUS ACTS WHETHER WITHIN THE COUNTRY OR DIRECTED FROM OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY.

ONCE AGAIN I WISH TO STATE TO ALL MY BELOVED PEOPLE THAT WITH GOD'S CONSENT I WILL NOT SLACKEN THE RELATIONSHIP WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRY BRUNEI AND THE GOVERNMENT OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, AND I SHALL ENDEAVOR TO STRENGTHEN THE AGREEMENT

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WITH HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN AND HER GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE DEFENCE, AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF OUR COUNTRY. TO ALL MY BELOVED SUBJECTS AND RESIDENTS OF THE STATE OF BRUNEI DARUS SALAM, ONCE AGAIN I WISH YOU SELAMAT HARI RAYA AIDIL-FITRI.
MAY ALLAH THE ALMIGHTY BESTOW HIS COMPASSION AND GUIDANCE TO US ALL. DO NOT ALLOW YOURSELVES TO BE INFLUENCED BY THOSE WHO SEEK TO BRING CHAOS TO OUR COUNTRY BRUNEI DARUS SALAM. END TEXT

2. COMMENT: SPEECH WAS NOT RPT NOT REPORTED HERE. WE ARE TOLD IT WAS PERSONALLY DRAFTED BY SIR OMAR, SULTAN'S FATHER AND POWER BEHIND BRUNEI THRONE. THE SIGNIFICANT POINTS ARE, OF COURSE, THE SULTAN'S DEFENSE OF BRUNEI'S TREATY RELATIONSHIP WITH BRITAIN, AND HIS ONLY THINLY VEILED ATTACK ON MALAYSIA FOR ITS INTERFERENCE IN BRUNEIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. IN THIS CONNECTION, BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER IN BRUNEI TOLD US MALAYSIANS BEING INCREASINGLY AGRESSIVE IN ANTI-BRUNEI PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES. HE DESCRIBED ATTEMPTS TO DISTRIBUTE LEAFLETS, AND ANTI-GOB RALLIES HELD IN LIMBANG SALIENT (FRINGE OF SARAWAK THAT SPLITS BRUNEI). DCM IN CAPACITY AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL TO BRUNEI WAS POINTEDLY REMINDED IN OCT 25 AUDIENCE WITH SULTAN OF BRUNEI PROMPTNESS IN GRANTING OVERFLIGHT AND REFUELING FACILITIES TO AMERICAN AIRCRAFT, AND OF BRUNEI'S RECENT PURCHASE OF TWO BOEING 737'S. SULTAN ALSO ALLUDED TO HIS SATISFACTION WITH RELATIONSHIP WITH BRITAIN, BUT DID NOT MENTION HIS PROBLEMS WITH MALAYSIA.
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